

Remarks/Arguments

Before conducting continued examination of the above-identified application, please enter the above-described amendments.

The present invention does not disclose or claim a system which prevents access to remote content through various authentication techniques. Instead, the present invention discloses a technique to prevent duplication, i.e. non-ephemeral or permanent copies, of content already downloaded and viewed at *the local computer system*. In one embodiment of the invention, the local browser functions are automatically disabled, not by the user, but by another element *in the local computer system* which interacts with the browser. The Examiner has not cited any reference that discloses how various user viewer functions could be disabled *at the local computer system* via authorization data from another element in the *local computer system*.

The Dykes reference, on which the Examiner is primarily relying for support of the ongoing rejections, discloses a system by which client workstations can authenticate to and access remotely stored activity programs. The ability to deny access to different levels of authentication to remote programs, as disclosed in Dykes, is not the same as providing content for a *local* viewing, but preventing *local* duplication of the content, as in the present invention. In Applicants' invention the browser is prevented from performing duplication functions on content *that is already received*. In Dykes, failure to authenticate would merely lead to lack of access to the content. These two concepts are separate and distinct. In the absence of a reference to further support the Examiner's rejections, Applicants respectfully assert that the amended claims are patentable over Dykes.

Claims 24-29 and 40 have been amended to each recite "a method for controlling access to information presented by a web browser *executing on a local computer system connected to a computer network*". In addition, each of the claims further recites the limitation of "disabling *at the local computer system* a disallowed user functions ..." (claims 24-29 and 40, lines 2 and 5).

Claim in 62 has been similarly amended and now recites a computer readable medium having stored computer executable instructions to perform a method including

"presenting the protected content within a browser window client *executing on the client digital processing system*" and "disabling *at the client digital processing system* disallowed user functions when the protected content is in the browser window" (claim 62, lines 5-8).

Claim in 78 has been similarly amended and now recites a system for controlling reproduction of content on a client computer system including "means for receiving *at the client computer system* content to be protected" and "means for displaying *at the client computer system* the protected content on the client computer while preventing at least one form of reproduction of the content" (claim 78, lines 3-5).

Each of independent claims 95, 98, and 101, have been similarly amended to recite a method, computer program product, or apparatus for use with a *local* computer system operatively connectable to a source of content including "receiving function authorization data indicating which of the viewer functions may be performed *at the local computer system*" and "disabling *at the local computer system* selected viewer functions in accordance with the function authorization data received from the source" (claim 95, lines 6-7 and 9-10; claim 98, lines 7-8 and 11-12; claim 101, lines 9-10 and 13-14).

Claims 104, 107, and 109 have likewise been similarly amended to recite a enabling or disabling functions "at the local computer system" (Claim 104, lines 8-9; claim 107 lines 8-9; and claim 109, lines 6-7).

Dykes does not explicitly or inherently disclose any of these limitations. Nor does Wallent supply the teachings missing from Dykes. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are patentable over the Dykes and Wallent whether considered singularly or in combination with any other art of record.

In addition, further regarding the rejection of claims 25-29 and 40, Applicants have previously amended claims 25-29 and 40 to include all of the limitations of claim 24, in the prior response mailed November 21, 2002. Respectfully, the Examiner has either ignored or overlooked such amendments. Specifically, claims 25-29 now recite five different techniques for disallowing a user function *at the local computer system*. The Examiner has never provided specific citation(s) to the section(s) of Dykes, Wallent or any other reference of record that discloses such limitations. Nor have

Applicants been able to find any disclosure, teaching or suggestion of such limitations. The Examiner's vague allegations that these limitations are inherently disclosed by Dykes do not provide an adequate grounds on which to base the rejection. For example, claim 25 recites a method for controlling access to information presented by a web browser including "disabling *at the local computer system* a disallowed user function when the content is within the browser window *by intercepting a message posted to the browser window; and hiding the content if the browser is not a foreground application*" (claim 25, lines 4-6). This limitation is specific as to how the user function is disallowed *at the local computer*.

Claim 26 recites a method for controlling access to information presented by a web browser including "disabling *at the local computer system* a disallowed user function when the content is within the browser window *by clearing a commonly shared inter-application memory within the inter-application memory is accessed.* " (claim 26, lines 4-6). This limitation is specific as to how the user function is disallowed *at the local computer*.

Claim 27 recites a method for controlling access to information presented by a web browser including "disabling *at the local computer system* a disallowed user function when the content is within the browser window *by hiding a user menu selection corresponding to the disallowed user function.* " (claim 27, lines 4-5). This limitation is specific as to how the user function is disallowed *at the local computer*.

Claim 28 recites a method for controlling access to information presented by a web browser including "disabling *at the local computer system* a disallowed user function when the content is within the browser window *by intercepting a keyboard message; and discarding the keyboard message if it corresponds to the disallowed user function.* " (claim 28, lines 4-7). This limitation is specific as to how the user function is disallowed *at the local computer*.

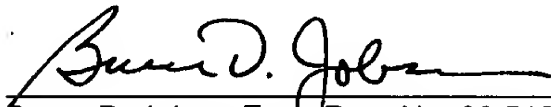
Claim 29 recites a method for controlling access to information presented by a web browser including "disabling *at the local computer system* a disallowed user function when the content is within the browser window *by monitoring a context for a device; and discarding a user action directed to the device when the context matches*

the content. " (claim 29, lines 4-7). This limitation is specific as to how the user function is disallowed *at the local computer.*

Applicants respectfully reassert all of the arguments and traversals set forth in prior responses to the extent still relevant to the outstanding rejections. If after considering the above remarks and amendments, the Examiner is still not of the opinion that allowable subject matter is claimed, Applicants respectfully request a telephone interview with the Examiner and his respective Supervisory Patent Examiner to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuance of any further office actions.

Applicants believe the claims are in allowable condition. A notice of allowance for this application is solicited earnestly. If the Examiner has any further questions regarding this amendment, he/she is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any balances under 37 CFR §1.17, and 1.16 to Deposit Account No. 02-3038.

Respectfully submitted,



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